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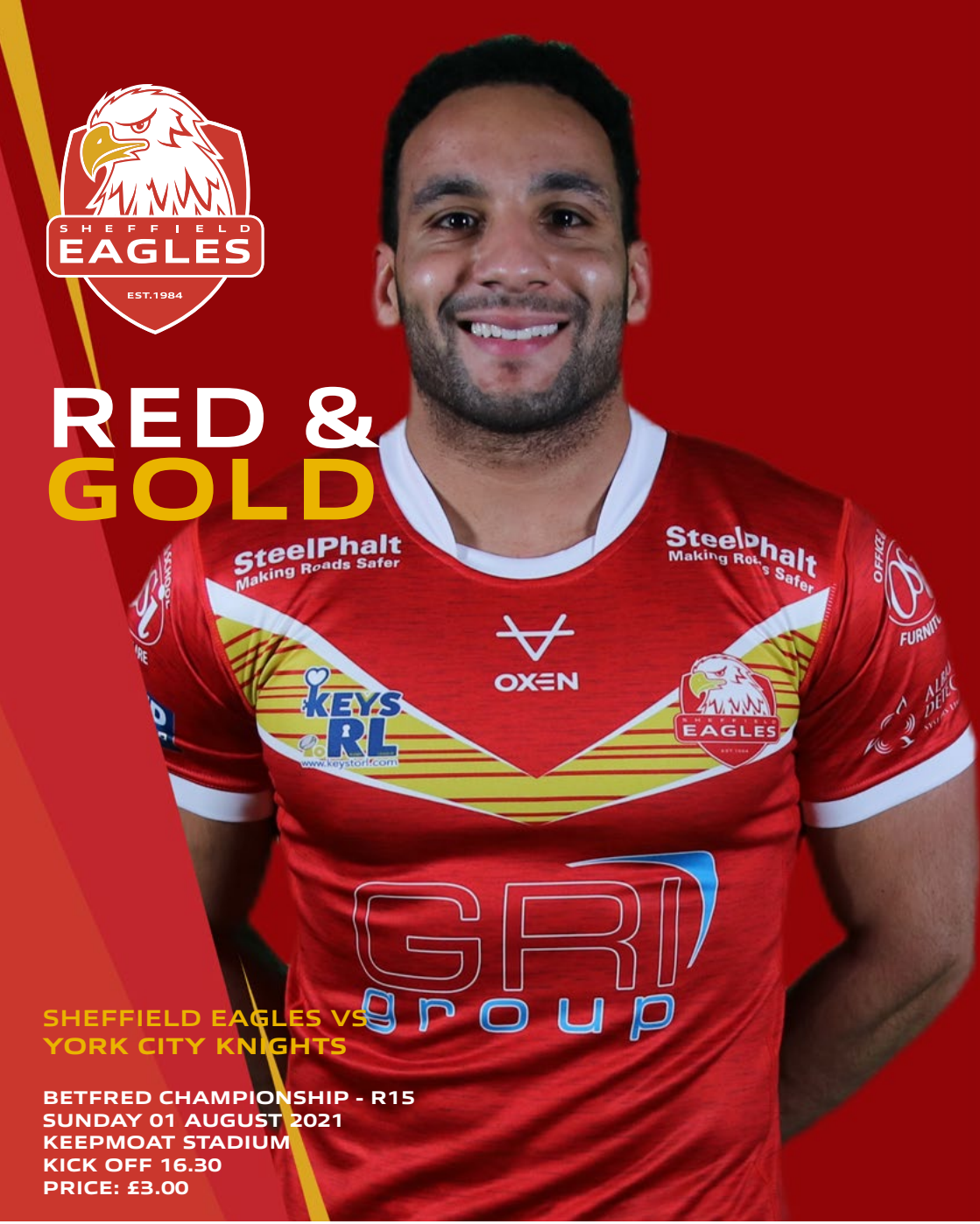

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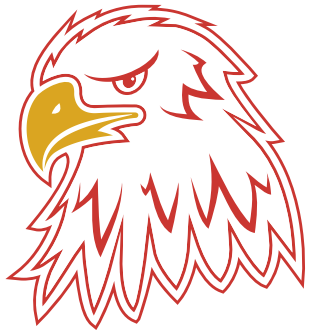

Good afternoon to everyone, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back to the Keepmoat Stadium , our temporary home for this season.

As always it gives me great pleasure to welcome the York City Knights together with their Chairman Mr. John Flatman, other Directors, backroom staff, supporters, the players and of course their coach James Ford an ex Sheffield Eagles player and an extremely nice person who has a great future in coaching ahead of him. I hope you all have a good afternoon and a good game of rugby league.

My commiseration's go to the York City Knights on the loss to Featherstone Rovers of the 1895 cup final which was played at Wembley Stadium prior to the Challenge cup final. I do hope you all enjoyed your time at the Wembley Stadium it may be one in a lifetime experience for a great many of us.

Our last run out against the Halifax Panthers was a disappointment that we did not win I thought we had the better game and apart for some silly mistakes allowing them to score we should have won the game. Congratulations to Ryan Millar on getting a hat trick, Ryan has come on in leaps and bounds and is a delight to watch.

For the game last week, I sat with the Sheffield Eagles Supporters as I have not done for some time and as I enjoyed all the time I was just a spectator back in Super League and for the last 21 years in the second tier of Rugby league it was a joy to listen to and be involved in the singing and listen to the passion of our supporters thank you and congratulations to all Sheffield Eagle Supporters.

However, I cannot say the same for Halifax Panther spectators who in my opinion are not supporters of the game who are making insulting noises and offensive chants. It is not sportsman like and is to be completely frowned upon in our family game which supports equality & diversity.

I do hope that the powers that be can sort out the problems with regard to the World cup which I am really looking forward to. If Australia and New Zealand do not take part in the competition, I really don't see how it can be a world cup, it may be 5 nations or something. I really do feel for Jon Dutton, Chris Brindley and all the rest of the staff who have worked so hard during a period in the world which has been unknown before to bring the Rugby league world cup to fruition and to have it dashed at the last hurdle must be devastating for them. I wish them all the luck in the world and hope they can solve the problems.

TUBBY TALK

MARK ASTON SPEAKS TO MATT YOUNG

There's been no-one too down after last week's defeat to Halifax, it was a positive display and I certainly feel we are still building towards somewhere where we want to be.

Performances are definitely moving in the right direction as far as I am concerned.

My aim has always been to try and be a little better than the week before, and for me, the Halifax display, despite the result, was a notch up on the one we produced against Swinton.

Halifax are flying at present but there was nothing in the game and it could have gone either way. It really ebbed and flowed, and there were periods in the game where both sides had control.

Looking back, perhaps it got away from us a little in that second-half where we were a little scruffy around the ruck, and maybe our contacts weren't quite where they needed to be.

Having said that, I thought there was plenty of positives to take from pushing a side who are going for the top four all the way to the end.

Coming into this game with York, I firmly believe the signs of recovery are still there.

We are getting players back; we are seeing improvements in others and confidence levels are rising.

We have a long way to go, but we are on the right track at the moment, we just need to again be a little better than we were last week to maintain this momentum.

We welcome York this afternoon for another tough game.

There isn't much between us in terms of the league table, so that adds a little extra into proceedings.

They are a team full of quality, who like us, can go up against and beat any side in this league on their day. They also have some momentum following their win last week over Swinton, so it promises to be a really good game.

My thanks to everyone at Wakefield for hosting us, but it is great to be back at the Keepmoat again today.

We know performances like the one against Halifax will win us more games than we lose in the final eight fixtures, our aim is to now maintain and better that standard in the closing months.

On a separate note, it's disappointing to see the current situation with the Rugby League World Cup.

I am a strong supporter of the international game after my tenure with Ireland - its the pinnacle of our sport and must be supported, lets hope those looking to cause it harm can come to their senses and get RLWC2021 on this coming Autumn.

Enjoy the game.

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THE OFFICE

LIAM CLAFFEY

Good afternoon everyone – after over two months away it's fantastic to return to the Keepmoat Stadium. My thanks go to Michael, Kevin, and the team at Wakefield Trinity for assisting us once again, providing a venue for our fixtures against Toulouse & Halifax but also the RFL in ensuring we only have two fixtures to secure away from our 2021 home, with five away fixtures in the same period.

Last weekend was only my second home fixture in six years that I've sadly had to miss in six years. Unfortunately, after an enjoyable weekend in London @ Wembley for the Challenge Cup Final I tested positive for Covid-19 and was isolating until Wednesday.

My huge thanks go to Mark H, Baz, Richard, and our team of volunteers who assisted in ensuring our game against Halifax went off without a hitch – it's reassuring to know we have such a wonderful team willing to support and step in at the 11th hour.

With missing the performance against the Panthers my last outing was the Swinton away match and was great to see the boys get back to winning ways with the return of Knowles & Farrell along with stellar performances from the likes of Davies and today's cover star Millar. It's been an up and down season but there is a strong team here and confident we can end the campaign on a high as we enter the final two months.

Away from the pitch you will read in the programme the excellent work being done by Andrea and the trustees at the Eagles Foundation. After such a sustained period without a full-time officer in post it's fantastic to see the full potential of the Foundation being realised. In such a short space of time the Wheelchair sessions have been launched, holiday camps up and running the schools programme going from strength to strength. Olly Davies has decided to move on from coaching in the schools to further develop a career away from playing rugby league and goes with our best wishes and thanks for his tenure in post.

Talks continue with GMI and Scarborough around the Community Stadium continue at pace and all remains on track with the construction for us to start the 2022 season back in Sheffield.

It's exciting times and work is being done behind the scenes to hopefully ensure the home we enter is one that is viable for the club and one which we can generate revenue from, something we have desperately missed. Keep tuned to our social media channels for #StadiumSaturdays for weekly updates on the build.

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COMMERCIAL

MARK HANNIGAN

A warm welcome to everyone I would like to welcome to the players and staff from York to The Keepmoat Stadium for today's game.

As I mentioned in my last programme notes, following the lifting of restrictions, we have booked the first of our business lunches following the pandemic. The event will be held at The OEC on Friday 26th November! The event will be our Christmas special and full of fun, as well as a great environment to meet businesses and build contacts. If you would like to register your interest in this event, please drop me an email. A big thank you to Andrew Biggs from Elmo House for sponsoring this event.

The Business lunches have traditionally been exceptionally popular, attracting 200 + Guests to social events where positive connection ca be made and business passed. If you know of any business who would like to take advantage of this social scene to build their contact base, please pass them in my direction and I will be glad to help them get involved.

Following the launch of the business club, we will also shortly be launching our full commercial offering for 2022. The final touches are being put on the marketing collateral and we will start to set these out to businesses across the City Region.

We must remember that we are not limited to Sheffield when we consider the club, but areas including Barnsley, Rotherham, and Chesterfield. If you would like to receive a copy of this, or you know anyone else who would, please drop me their email and I will be sure to send one out once available.

We are in the midst of planning and organising a full schedule of events for fans and businesses so please keep an eye on the website and our Social Media channels for more information.

Talking about social media, I would like to urge everyone to follow us online, and from my perspective, Linked In. We will be using this platform for the Commercial side of the club and interacting with our sponsors. It is a powerful tool that we will be taking full advantage of.

For more information of any of the events or the commercial side of the club, please feel free to drop me a line or email mark.hannigan@sheffieldeagles.com

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PERFORMANCE

SIMON VARDY

It's nice to welcome everyone back to the Keepmoat!

Although not our real home it's definitely felt like more of one whilst we've been here this season and it's a great venue to have you all at.

Looking back over the last few weeks from a Player Performance Manager perspective is an interesting one. We've had some highs and we've had some lows with a mini break in between! Lets start by taking a look at the game versus Swinton. For us this was a must win to settle out nerves after a bit of a nail-biter, should've won, situation at Dewsbury. We did that to an extent although the score probably suggests it was closer than it really was. But the thing to remember about Swinton is the fact that they've put points on pretty much everyone this season, so they can definitely attack well! The performance was a lot more solid and we saw more of the structure and teamwork that we did in our early season wins.

We took this positivity into the Challenge Cup final break with the aim of building on it this past weekend against Halifax. For me, from a performance perspective, the score certainly didn't reflect this game. We saw a lot more of the things we'd worked on in the past week come through and we challenged a top 4 team for the majority of the game, save for a couple of lucky breaks and mental errors that cost us and made the score look much more flattering than it really should.

It's all very positive, building in the right direction. We say it every week, you'll get tired of hearing it, but it's true – we're taking steps in the right direction and we're almost there. We can pretty much challenge anyone in this league when we are playing at our best.

We can see where we want to be again now whereas not long ago it was probably a little too far over the horizon. Now it's tangible and we head into another tough battle, against a team in York who are in a similar position to us, plus just coming off the back of a big win against Swinton and it's our opportunity to really turn the screw and make a statement of how we want to wrap up this season.

We're looking forward to seeing you there and cheering us on as we look to do the double over York!

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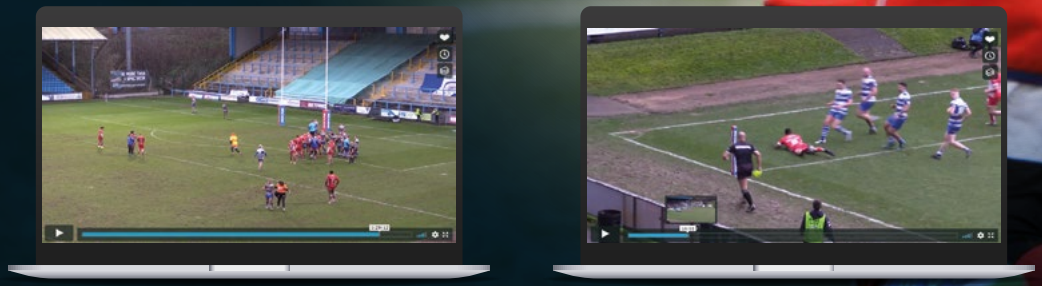

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FOUNDATION

DAVID BUTLER

There is plenty to up date on as the Eagles Foundation progresses on with its work.

Wheelchair Rugby League is going from strength to strength in Sheffield, with our Monday night sessions. Its currently free to attend and no experience or your own sports wheelchair is required! Join us at Sheffield Hallam University's Pearson Building, Broomgrove Road, S10 2BP.

We're very grateful to the Arnold Clark Community Fund who have recently donated £1,000 to the Foundation to help support the Wheelchair Rugby League programme.

Our schools coaching programme has now come to an end. 10 schools have been receiving their coaching thanks to a donation by Sports Traider Charity. Westways, Hatfield, Hartley Brook and Meynell had their coaching prior to the Spring half term, with Coit, Beck, Woodthorpe, Intake, Oasis Watermead and Hinde House currently taking part this half term. Each school is being given 5 weeks of coaching for two groups of 30 kids, during which they will be introduced to basic skills such as catching, passing, running with the ball and be able to play tag Rugby League by the end of the sessions. Sports Traider Charity is a charity which exists to give young people employment and sports participation opportunities to help them gain confidence, self-esteem, retail skills and improve mental and physical health. They do this by managing a professionally run chain of charity sports shops, staff by employees and volunteers with funds raised invested back into sports participation projects. You can find out more about Sports Traider Charity by visiting their website www.sportstraider.com or @SportsTraiderUK on social media. Pictured is Lance Haggith, Sports Charity Traider meeting Andrea Dobson, Eagles Foundation Development Officer.

Finally, our free summer camps began last Monday (26th July) at Parson Cross Pavilion, Buchanan Road, S5 8AL. Running from 9am to 1pm daily for three more weeks where we will be hosting young people aged 8 to 14 in partnership with StreetGames as part of their Fit & Fed campaign. Each day attendees will receive breakfast and nutritious meal before departure and will be able to take part in a range of activities on a varied timetable which include Rugby League skills, boxing fitness, circus skills workshops, multi-skills sports sessions and mental fitness training delivered by Rugby League Cares.

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MEDICAL

MICK HEYS

Good afternoon to everyone and welcome to an important game for us at this stage of the season.

After a good start we seem to have fallen off a bit but there have been signs over the last few games that we are getting back on track. We have picked up a few injuries during those games and we are not on our own in the competition.

After not playing competitive rugby league for twelve months, players will not be as resilient as they were before the covid lockdown.

It takes some time to build this back up again, their resilience had after all taken a few years of playing to build up. Injuries which previously would have been shaken off quickly are now taking time to settle.

On the other hand, we have welcomed back a couple of players after injury.

Joel Farrell is now playing again following his knee surgery. He has put in a lot of work to get back to fitness and needs a strong second half of the season to cement his place in the Jamaican squad for the forthcoming world cup.

Kay led most of his rehab and I know she looked forward to seeing Joel's happy smiling face each week! Brad Knowles has also returned and Josh Guzdek is back on the pitch.

It will be a little longer before Frankie Mariano returns as his knee surgery was a few weeks later than Joel's but his rehab is progressing nicely, we hope to get him back to full training soon. Blake Broadbent is hopefully not too far away also.

Rehab can be a long and solitary process for players who are used to the banter and camaraderie of the group and thus keeping injured players positive is a large part of the job, an aspect that is not always recognised.

Much of this depends on building a relationship between the players and staff based on mutual trust.

This can take time to develop but is essential in maintaining an environment that allows a player to progress through his rehabilitation and return to training and then playing with the minimum of hiccups and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

This is the environment and culture we aim to create at Sheffield Eagles and I think we are successful in this.

Enjoy the game, keep the Eagles flag flying while we are on the road and until we return home to Sheffield.

MILLAR INTERVIEW

DAN FOWLER TALKS WITH RYAN MILLAR

DF: Ryan, in our last game we ran Halifax pretty close. What were your thoughts coming away from that game?

RM: We've been talking over the last couple of weeks to build on our performances and make sure we end the season well. That was another step up in the right direction. I thought we were dominant in the first half but in the second half, they came out with a bit more and got the result.

DF: It was another impressive performance from yourself, a second consecutive hat-trick. How much are you enjoying your rugby at the moment?

RM: It's been a bit of a funny one really. The last few weeks I've been playing with a bit of a quad strain so haven't been 100% but like you say, back-to-back hat-tricks can't be grumbled at. When you look at the tries though, you've got to give credit to the whole team as they're choosing the right options at the right time.

DF: You also surpassed 50 tries for the club, just over a month since you hit 100 appearances. It's been a season of good achievements for yourself?

RM: I didn't realise about the try achievement but the appearances made a lot for me. As a winger you're judged a lot on your try-scoring ratio so it's good to get to that marker. Who doesn't love scoring tries? If we can get a few wins off the back of it, that'd be even better.

DF: The last few weeks have seen an improvement in performances. The confidence seems to be back with the squad and that must mean a good environment to be in?

RM: We had a shaky spell a few weeks back and it does affect the mood in the camp. We spoke quite a bit about improving performances week-on-week and getting a good finish to the season. We're definitely doing that at the moment and you can see that with the intensity we're bringing to the field now. We have York, Bradford and Oldham coming up in the next three weeks and we've beaten them already this season so we've got to make the most of that. We want to finish the season well and get as far up the table as we possibly can. Those three games will go a long way to doing that.

DF: We take on York today, who have been hit and miss this season like ourselves. They come into it after a big win over Swinton so we have got to be on our game haven't we?

RM: We know how good a side York can be on their day. They have been hit and miss this season and they'll be frustrated about that. We know the quality they have got, they've got a lot of Super League experience in there too. We want to build on last week's performance and take it up a notch. We've beaten them already this season so we'll take all that confidence into the game and hopefully come away with a win.

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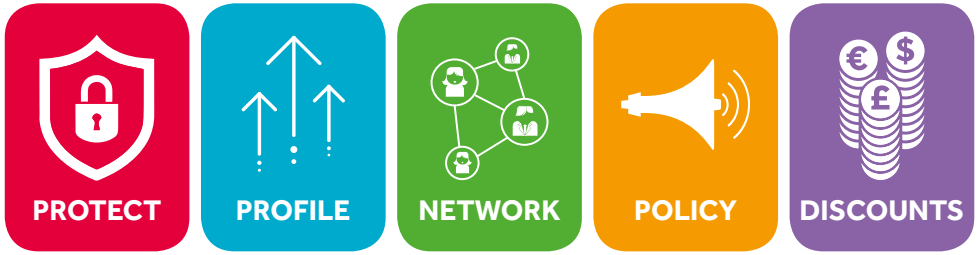

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York City Knights come into today's Round 15 Betfred Championship game aiming to record back-to-back league victories for the first time since May.

James Ford's side enjoyed a decent start to the season, beating the Eagles and London Broncos in the Challenge Cup, setting up an 1895 Cup semi-final with Swinton Lions. The Mistermen have since struggled for consistency this season, suffering from injuries to key players has meant several short-term loan signings have pulled on the York colours this term

After progressing to Wembley in the 1895 Cup with a victory over Swinton, the City Knights endured six consecutive defeats, including a narrow loss under the arch against Featherstone. York showed signs of their quality at Wembley and responded to their loss with a win over Championship bottom club Swinton last time out.

The Knights opened the scoring within the first minute as Chris Clarkson dived over, forward Ronan Dixon added York's second score eight minutes into a one-sided half for the hosts. Kieran Dixon and Danny Kirmond added tries either side of Swinton score via Ben Heyes, leaving York with a 22-4 lead at the break.

Swinton were the first to score after the interval in their final act of the contest, Deane Meadows found his way over the line. Matty Marsh was next to score, he was in support of a Corey Johnson burst out of dummy half.Marsh added his second quickly after, fooling the Swinton defence with a dummy.

Kieran Dixon finished off a slick York move with 10 minutes remaining before Tyme Dow-Nikau went over to finish off a huge York victory. After a successful first season back in the Championship in 2019 Knights Head Coach will be frustrated with the inconsistency of his side this year.

The Knights have shown progression on and off the field since Ford's arrival as head coach in 2015, a third-place finish in their first season back in the Championship earned Ford 'Championship Coach of the Year in 2019. York currently sit 11th in the Betfred Championship and will be aiming for a sixth league win of the season this afternoon in their bid to finish the season strongly. Despite an indifferent season that saw York sign several Super League experienced players before the start of the season the Knights have stuck by the former Eagles centre whose reputation as one of the best young coaches in the game is still intact.

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THREE TO WATCH
LEWIS COLEMAN

Matty Marsh

Versatile back Marsh could cause issues for Sheffield's defence today.

The former Hull Kingston Rovers man joined the Knights permanently in 2019 after a successful dual registration period in North Yorkshire.

Since arriving in York, Marsh has been a standout for James Ford's side, either operating at full-back or scrum-half.

Chris Clarkson

Knights captain Clarkson has impressed in his first full season at the LNER Community Stadium and will look to continue his good work today against the Eagles.

The 31-year-old second-rower came through the Leeds Rhinos academy where he spent five years, making over 115 appearances for his hometown club. Since leaving the Rhinos in 2015, Clarkson has represented Widnes Vikings, Hull Kingston Rovers and Castleford Tigers before his switch to the Mistermen.

Mikey Lewis

Young half-back Mikey Lewis is enjoying a second loan spell in York after the Hull Kingston Rovers man impressed for the Knights earlier this season.

York is the second club Lewis has spent time on loan at, previous to the Knights, Lewis enjoyed a prolific spell at Newcastle Thunder where he scored seven tries in seven appearances. The 20-year-old has impressed in both spells with York and he recently scored for the City Knights in the 1895 Cup final loss to Featherstone Rovers

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CHAPLAINCY

BAZ GASCOYNE

During this difficult time it could be easy to forget the things we are grateful for such as partners, family, friends old and new, pets, music, books etc.

It is good for us to practise gratitude and we can do this by appreciating the things that bring joy and happiness into our lives but also what brings the same into other people's lives.

It is a well-known fact showing and expressing your thanks has a positive effect on different aspects of our lives such as self–esteem, happiness, improving relationships, sleep patterns, and making us more thoughtful and kind.

One way of doing this is first thing in the morning.

"When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself" Tecumseh

If you are not a morning person try it just before you switch the light off to go to sleep.

Whether it's morning, afternoon or evening just give yourself five minutes to be still and quiet and think of three things that you are grateful for.

If we begin to do this weekly, every other day or even daily soon we will see the positive outcomes that being thankful has on our lives and those around us. Like Douglas Wood says:

"The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time."

Remembering the people who have helped us along the way in our lives is something I like to do now and again. It may be by sending the person a card or a text, or even calling them and speaking to them personally. This week I had a four year old neighbour say to me as I finished chatting to her, her dad and baby brother, "bye Bazza love you."

This really impacted me and if I'm honest caught me off guard and brought a tear to my eye.

"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives." John F Kennedy

I wish I had done this with my Step Dad who sadly passed away a few months ago. Don't leave it until it's too late.

So today I am thankful for Sheffield Eagles and everyone connected with the club past & present and all the great times you have brought into my life over the last ten years. Thank you

As Robert Brault said: "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

Enjoy the game - Baz

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	T	G	DG
01. Josh Guzdek			
02. Rob Worrincy			
03. Connor Bower			
04. James Glover			
05. Ryan Millar			
06. Anthony Thackeray			
08. Scott Wheeldon			
09. James Davey			
10. Matt James			
11. Bradley Knowles			
12. Joel Farrell			
13. Aaron Brown			
14. Greg Burns			
15. Oliver Davies			
16. Robbie Ward			
17. Frankie Mariano			
18. Tyler Dickinson			
19. Blake Broadbent			
20. Paddy Burns			
22. Izaac Farrell			
23. Harry Tyson-Wilson			
24. Ryan Johnson			
25. Jordan Bull			
26. Chris Ball			
27. Travis Corion			
30. Max Clarke			
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			06. Brendan O'Hagan
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LAST TIME OUT
EAGLES VS PANTHERS

SUNDAY 25 JULY 2021
BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - R14

SHEFFIELD EAGLES	28 - 40	HALIFAX PANTHERS
01. Josh Guzdek		04. James Woodburn - Hall
02. Rob Worrincy		19. Conor McGrath
24. Ryan Johnson		03 Gregory Worthington
03.Conor Bower	OFFICIAL B. THALER	21. Zack McComb
05. Ryan Millar		05. James Saltonstall
22. Izaac Farrell		06. Liam Harris
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09. James Davey		09. Brandon Moore
10. Matt James ©		10. Daniel Murray
15. Oliver Davies		11. Matthew Garside
12. Joel Farrell		17. Benjamin Kavanagh
13. Aaron Brown	ATTENDANCE 682	13. Jacob Fairbank
INTERCHANGE		**INTERCHANGE**
Paul Clough		23. Harry Tyson-Wilson
Lewis Else		19. Blake Broadbent
Will Tilleke		20.Paddy Burns
Oliver Brookes		18. Tyler Dickinson

MATCH REPORT
EAGLES VS PANTHERS

Sheffield Eagles suffered a seventh loss of the season on Sunday afternoon as an in-form Halifax Panthers side triumphed 28-40 at The Mobile Rocket Stadium

Eagles captain Matt James returned to the Sheffield side, replacing Tyler Dickinson, who started on the interchange bench.

Mark Aston's side opened the scoring in Wakefield through Ryan Millar, the winger finished off a slick move after the ball was worked to the left edge.

Izaac Farrell converted the first score of the day in a near-perfect day from the tee for the stand-off.

Jacob Fairbank touched down a Brandon Moore grubber kick five minutes later, Liam Harris added the extras.

Fax added their second score on 29 minutes when Adam Tangata touched down a Harris grubber kick.

The Eagles replied with points of their own and after a spell of pressure due to a Panthers knock-on and goal-line drop-out the Eagles pulled level through Anthony Thackeray's converted try.

The scrum-half dummied to pass before diving over the Halifax line.

Halifax edged in front before the half-time hooter sounded, thanks to Conor McGrath's score.

A third grubber kick deep in Eagles territory caused an issue for the defence, this time Worrincy was nutmegged before McGrath touched down. Harris finished the half with an unsuccessful conversion.

The second forty minutes lived up to the first-half entertainment and Sheffield started the half in a similar style, scoring first through Millar.

After originally collecting Thackeray's cross-field kick, James Saltonstall's fumble allowed a walk-in score for the Eagles winger. Farrell converted as the Eagles regained their lead.

Halifax regained the advantage in a topsy-turvy contest, Fairbank barrelled over underneath the sticks. Harris converted for a four-point lead.

After the hour mark, Sheffield edged in front for the final time in the game - Millar was involved yet again, firstly, gathering a tough kick before sprinting 80 metres downfield.

Millar's work allowed a platform for Sheffield to attack the Panthers line and after working the ball right, Aaron Brown slid over to score, with Farrell's conversion putting the Eagles in front.

Simon Grix's side hit the Eagles with a quickfire sucker punch as the lead proved too great for Sheffield to recover from.

Tangata added his second try before he danced past the Eagles defence for his hat-trick, both tries were converted by Harris.

Millar completed his hat-trick seven minutes from time to give the Eagles hope but it was Halifax who scored next to seal the victory.

Harris collected his own kick to score, moments before the final hooter sounded.

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LATEST NEWS
ARNOLD CLARK FUNDING

Arnold Clark Community Fund Supports Eagles Foundation Wheelchair RL

The Arnold Clark Community Fund, created by Arnold Clark – the nationwide car sales dealer – was established to give back to the communities in which they operate to help registered charities in the UK and local community groups continue their important work disrupted by the global coronavirus pandemic, with the Eagles Foundation being one of the chosen charities.

The Eagles Foundation has received a £1,000 contribution from the Arnold Clark Community Fund to help grow Wheelchair Rugby League in the city of Sheffield, with the money being used to help fund venue hire and providing equipment, making up a shortfall for monies that would have been raised but could not as a result of the pandemic.

"It was a very pleasant surprise to find out that we had been awarded the £1,000 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund," said David Butler, Trustee of the Eagles Foundation.

"It's been a very challenging time for charities unable to fundraise and the focus on the nation having been on survival through the pandemic.

"The Eagles Foundation has certainly experienced this and as a result our plans to grow our Wheelchair Rugby League offer had been affected, so this donation helps us to get back on track!"

The launch of Wheelchair Rugby League has proven to be extremely popular, with sessions having been extended to cope with demand, now taking place between 6.30pm and 8.30pm in the Pearson Building, Sheffield Hallam University.

Contact Andrea Dobson via andrea.dobson@eaglesfoundation.co.uk or 07960 135 699 for full details.

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LATEST NEWS

BUTTERWORTH JOINS

Sheffield Eagles are pleased to announce the signing of Olly Butterworth until the end of the season.

Butterworth is a former GB Bobsleigh athlete, having represented his country at a World Cup, and has been a serving member of the Parachute Regiment since 2018.

Formerly a rugby union player with the Scarlets and Cardiff Met University, the winger is looking forward to getting some experience in the 13-man code.

"I am very happy to be on board," said Butterworth.

"The plan was to move back to rugby after spending a few years with the GB Bobsleigh team. For me, rugby has always been a part of my life but when I joined the Army I had a chance to take up bobsleigh.

"I competed for Great Britain for two seasons but I wanted to make the move back to rugby, as I'm coming into my prime physically so it's perfect for me. It's great to be aided by the likes of Mark (Aston) and Keith Senior too."

The 23-year-old has also had a discussion with Aston regarding his personal goals, as the paratrooper looks to make an impact in the sport.

"I have been in training for two to three months and the big difference is from running 60-metres in bobsleigh to a couple of kilometres in one training session," he added.

"The conditioning side of things has been the hardest thing for me but it has been enjoyable. I have spoken in-depth with Tubbs about wanting to develop as a player and to find out where I belong. Hopefully I'll be able to slide into that team sheet when the time is right."

Aston is pleased to make Butterworth an Eagle, adding: "It's great to have Olly on board. He's a character and with a rich CV outside of Rugby League with his career in the Armed Forces and his time with the GB Bobsleigh team! He's an athlete, he certainly looks after himself and it's our job now as coaches to try and develop him into a rugby league player and understand the game.

"With his height and build along with his pace and power, if we can do that we could have a real asset on our hands."

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